



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 930

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (59) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

4 (59) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the
5 private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,
6 designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, [with not less than
7 fifty per cent of the total area enclosed by the outermost body contour
8 lines, excluding the area enclosing the engine, as seen in a plan view,
9 utilized for designated seating positions and necessary legroom] with
10 a capacity of carrying not more than ten passengers including the
11 operator thereof.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
14 *October 1, 2003*):

15 (c) (1) All records of the Department of Motor Vehicles pertaining to
16 the application for registration, and the registration, of motor vehicles
17 of the current or previous three years shall be maintained by the
18 commissioner at the main office of the department. Any such records
19 over three years old may be destroyed at the discretion of the

20 commissioner. (2) Before disclosing personal information pertaining to
21 an applicant or registrant from such motor vehicle records or allowing
22 the inspection of any such record containing such personal information
23 in the course of any transaction conducted at such main office, the
24 commissioner shall ascertain whether such disclosure is authorized
25 under subsection (f) of this section, and require the person or entity
26 making the request to (A) complete an application that shall be on a
27 form prescribed by the commissioner, and (B) provide two forms of
28 acceptable identification, and (C) pay a fee of fifteen dollars to the
29 commissioner in addition to any fee required under section 14-50a.] An
30 attorney-at-law admitted to practice in this state may provide his or
31 her juris number to the commissioner in lieu of the requirements of
32 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The commissioner may disclose
33 such personal information or permit the inspection of such record
34 containing such information only if such disclosure is authorized
35 under subsection (f) of this section, as amended by this act.

36 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
38 *1, 2003*):

39 (f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a
40 motor vehicle record to:

41 (1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its
42 functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such
43 agency, or

44 (2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with
45 the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in
46 section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the
47 commissioner, together with such supporting documentation or
48 information as the commissioner may require, that such information
49 will be used for any of the following purposes:

50 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and
51 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,

52 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and
53 dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers and removal of nonowner
54 records from the original owner records of motor vehicle
55 manufacturers to implement the provisions of the federal Automobile
56 Information Disclosure Act, 15 USC 1231 et seq., [the Motor Vehicle
57 Information and Cost Saving Act, 15 USC 1901 et seq., the National
58 Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, 15 USC 1381 et seq., Anti-
59 Car Theft Act of 1992, 15 USC 2021 et seq., and] the Clean Air Act, 42
60 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331,
61 inclusive, as amended from time to time, and any provision of the
62 general statutes enacted to attain compliance with said federal acts;

63 (B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but
64 only to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the
65 individual to the requesting party;

66 (C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral
67 proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-
68 regulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in
69 anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting
70 on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of
71 judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided
72 the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

73 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and
74 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,
75 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and
76 motor vehicle parts and dealers, motor vehicle market research
77 activities including survey research, motor vehicle product and service
78 communications, and removal of nonowner records from the original
79 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers, provided the personal
80 information is not published, disclosed or used to contact individuals
81 except as permitted under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

82 (E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a self-
83 insured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection

84 with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies,
85 antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

86 (F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders
87 named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded
88 motor vehicles;

89 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify
90 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or
91 commercial driver's license required under [the federal Commercial
92 Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986,] 49 USC [2304 et seq.] Chapter 313,
93 and sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive;

94 (H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization,
95 as defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered
96 into a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as
97 the commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used
98 only for the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or
99 political purposes;

100 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations
101 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the
102 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

103 (J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of
104 personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an
105 individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an
106 individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor
107 of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express
108 consent in accordance with subdivision [(4)] (5) of subsection (a) of this
109 section.

110 Sec. 4. Section 14-16c of the general statutes is repealed and the
111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

112 (a) (1) Any insurance company which takes possession of a motor
113 vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this state or in

114 any other state, that has been declared a total loss [, in] and that is
115 offered for sale by such insurance company, or its agent as a result of
116 the settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall stamp the word
117 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
118 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such
119 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report used for the
120 calculation of the total damage or of the settlement amount for such
121 totaled motor vehicle, except that if the insurance company determines
122 that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component parts which
123 are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the insurance
124 company shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-
125 inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in length on the vehicle's
126 certificate of title. A copy of such certificate shall be sent by the
127 insurance company to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

128 (2) Any person, firm or corporation which is a self-insurer and owns
129 a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this
130 state or in any other state, that has been declared a total loss and that is
131 offered for sale by such self-insurer or its agent, shall stamp the word
132 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
133 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such
134 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report used for the
135 calculation of the total damage or of the settlement amount for such
136 totaled motor vehicle, except that if such self-insurer determines that
137 such motor vehicle has ten or more major component parts which are
138 damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the self-insurer shall
139 stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters
140 not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of
141 title. Any person, firm or corporation which is insured other than by
142 means of self-insurance and owns such a motor vehicle, shall forward
143 the vehicle's certificate of title to the company insuring such vehicle or
144 the company paying the totalled claim. Such insurer shall stamp the
145 word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
146 length on the certificate of title except that if the insurance company
147 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component

148 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the
149 insurer taking possession of such motor vehicle shall stamp the words
150 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three
151 inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of title and shall
152 return such certificate to such person, firm or corporation. A copy of
153 such certificate shall be sent by the person, firm or corporation to the
154 Department of Motor Vehicles.

155 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "major component part" shall
156 have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
157 of section 14-149a.

158 (b) Any insurance company taking possession of a motor vehicle in
159 accordance with subsection (a) of this section or any person, firm or
160 corporation which owns such motor vehicle shall copy the stamped
161 certificate and give the original of such certificate, with a copy of the
162 appraiser's damage report used for the calculation of the damage or
163 settlement attached to it, to any subsequent purchaser of the motor
164 vehicle that has been declared a total loss. The name and address of
165 any such purchaser must be recorded on the reverse side of the
166 original and the copy. The copy shall serve only as a record of transfers
167 of the total loss motor vehicle.

168 (c) The person, firm, company or corporation required to stamp
169 "SALVAGE" on the certificate of title shall stamp the following
170 statement on the face of any original or copy of such certificate issued
171 in accordance with this section: "WARNING: ALL PURCHASERS OF
172 THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED HEREIN MUST RECORD
173 THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE REVERSE SIDE. THIS
174 VEHICLE CANNOT BE REGISTERED OR RETITLED WITHOUT
175 PASSING INSPECTION UNDER SECTION 14-103a. THIS
176 DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF
177 INSPECTION."

178 (d) No motor vehicle for which a copy has been made in accordance
179 with this section may be operated upon any highway in this state,

180 except that an owner of any such motor vehicle who is a motor vehicle
181 dealer or repairer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52 may
182 operate such vehicle for the purpose of presenting the vehicle for
183 inspection pursuant to section 14-103a. If such vehicle fails to comply
184 with the minimum standards, it shall be transported from the site of
185 such inspection. If any such motor vehicle is rebuilt for sale or use, the
186 owner shall apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for an
187 original certificate of title and present the vehicle for inspection
188 pursuant to section 14-103a. The certificate of title issued in accordance
189 with this section must be presented at the time of inspection, unless
190 waived by the commissioner for good cause.

191 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a motor vehicle
192 for which a certificate of title has been issued in this state, that has been
193 declared a total loss in settlement of a claim for theft, having no
194 damage to a major component part or having damage not exceeding
195 (1) fifteen per cent of the retail value of such motor vehicle, as
196 determined in accordance with the provisions of section 38a-353, or (2)
197 one thousand dollars as evidenced by an insurance adjuster's damage
198 appraisal report, shall not be required to have its certificate of title
199 stamped in accordance with the provisions of this section provided
200 proof of such damage or lack of damage to a major component part, is
201 attached to such certificate.

202 (f) No insurance company and no firm or corporation which is a
203 self-insurer may sell or transfer any totalled or salvaged motor vehicle,
204 major component parts or any other parts of a motor vehicle to any
205 person, firm or corporation which is not licensed under the provisions
206 of subparts (D) or (H) of part III of this chapter. No person, firm or
207 corporation licensed as a new or used car dealer who holds a permit
208 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-65 may sell or transfer any
209 totalled or salvaged motor vehicle with a certificate of title stamped
210 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" or any motor vehicle which has ten or
211 more major component parts damaged beyond repair and in need of
212 replacement to any person, firm or corporation which is not licensed
213 under the provisions of subpart (H) of part III of this chapter or under

214 a similar provision of law of any other state. Any sale or transfer in
215 violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute an unfair
216 method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice, as
217 defined by section 42-110b.

218 (g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
219 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the
220 provisions of this section.

221 Sec. 5. Section 14-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
222 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

223 In any town, city or borough the local authorities referred to in
224 section 14-54 shall, upon receipt of an application for a certificate of
225 approval referred to in said section, assign the same for hearing within
226 sixty-five days of the receipt of such application. Notice of the time and
227 place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having a
228 general circulation in such town, city or borough at least twice, at
229 intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than fifteen, nor
230 less than ten days, and the last not less than two days before the date
231 of such hearing and sent by certified mail to the applicant not less than
232 fifteen days before the date of such hearing. All decisions on such
233 certificate of approval shall be rendered within sixty-five days of such
234 hearing. The applicant may consent to one or more extensions of any
235 period specified in this section, provided the total extension of any
236 such period shall not be for longer than the original period as specified
237 in this section. The reasons for granting or denying such application
238 shall be stated by the board or official. Notice of the decision shall be
239 published in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town,
240 city or borough and sent by certified mail to the applicant within
241 fifteen days after such decision has been rendered. Such applicant shall
242 pay a fee of ten dollars, together with the costs of publication and
243 expenses of such hearing, to the treasurer of such town, city or
244 borough. No such certificate shall be issued until the application has
245 been approved and such location has been found suitable for the
246 business intended, with due consideration to its location in reference to

247 schools, churches, theaters, traffic conditions, width of highway and
248 effect on public travel. In any case in which such approval has been
249 previously granted for any location, the local authority may waive the
250 requirement of a hearing on a subsequent application. In addition, the
251 local authority may waive the requirement of a hearing on an
252 application wherein the previously approved location of a place of
253 business is to be enlarged to include adjoining or adjacent property.

254 Sec. 6. Section 14-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the
255 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

256 No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'
257 school without being licensed therefor by the commissioner.
258 Application therefor shall be in writing and shall contain such
259 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant shall be
260 fingerprinted before such application is approved. If the application is
261 approved, the applicant shall be granted a license upon the payment of
262 a fee of one hundred dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of
263 cash or a bond of a surety company authorized to do business in this
264 state, conditioned on the faithful performance by the applicant of any
265 contract to furnish instruction, in either case in such amount as the
266 commissioner may require, such cash or bond to be held by the
267 commissioner to satisfy any execution issued against such school in a
268 cause arising out of failure of such school to perform such contract.
269 [On and after July 1, 1985, the] The license fee shall be [one hundred
270 fifty dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, two hundred twenty-five
271 dollars, on and after July 1, 1991, two hundred eighty dollars, and on
272 and after July 1, 1993,] three hundred fifty dollars. For each additional
273 place of business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of
274 [twenty-five dollars and, on and after July 1, 1985, thirty-eight dollars,
275 on and after July 1, 1989, fifty-six dollars, on and after July 1, 1991,
276 seventy dollars, and on and after July 1, 1993,] eighty-eight dollars. No
277 license shall be required in the case of any board of education, or any
278 public, private or parochial school, which conducts a course in driver
279 education [approved by the State Board of Education or any person or
280 school which gives instruction in any form or manner in the operation

281 of other than private motor vehicles for compensation and is under the
282 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education as provided in section 10-8]
283 established in accordance with sections 14-36e and 14-36f. A license so
284 issued shall be valid during the calendar year. The annual fee for
285 renewal shall be the same amount and the same deposit of security
286 shall be required. The commissioner shall issue a license certificate or
287 certificates to each licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each
288 place of business of the licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or
289 destruction of a certificate, the commissioner shall issue a duplicate
290 upon proof of the facts and the payment of a fee of two dollars. [On
291 and after July 1, 1985, such] Such fee shall be [three dollars, on and
292 after July 1, 1989, four dollars and fifty cents, on and after July 1, 1991,
293 five dollars and seventy-five cents, and on and after July 1, 1993,]
294 seven dollars.

295 Sec. 7. Section 14-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

297 (a) No person shall purchase, sell or have in such person's
298 possession any motor vehicle, including construction equipment, or a
299 major component part thereof, as defined in section 14-67h, or
300 agricultural tractors or farm implements with a mutilated, altered or
301 removed vehicle identification, factory or engine number or a number
302 which shows evidence of having been tampered with, except as
303 hereinafter provided.

304 (b) Any officer attached to an organized police department, any
305 state police officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles,
306 upon discovery of any motor vehicle, including construction
307 equipment, or major component part thereof, as defined in section 14-
308 67h, or agricultural tractors or farm implements, the vehicle
309 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,
310 altered or removed, shall take such motor vehicle or major component
311 part if not affixed to such vehicle, or agricultural tractor or farm
312 implement into [such officer's] custody. [Any] Except as provided in
313 subsection (c) of this section, any such motor vehicle or major

314 component part or agricultural tractor or farm implement shall be
315 disposed of in accordance with the provisions of section 54-36a, and in
316 the case of a motor vehicle for which the owner, registration or title has
317 been identified, a report of such action shall be made to the
318 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such officer or inspector may take
319 into custody the operator of such motor vehicle or agricultural tractor
320 or farm implement or person in possession of such part and present
321 such operator or person before a proper court. No such operator or
322 person shall be discharged from custody until such operator or person
323 has proved to the satisfaction of the court the ownership of such motor
324 vehicle or such part or such agricultural tractor or farm implement and
325 such operator's or person's right to its custody, provided any such
326 operator or person may be admitted to bail pending proceedings
327 thereon. If such operator or person is unable to establish ownership of
328 such motor vehicle or such part or such agricultural tractor or farm
329 implement to the satisfaction of the court, the court shall order such
330 motor vehicle or part to be forfeited and turned over to the police
331 department or agency whose officer or inspector seized such motor
332 vehicle or part or agricultural tractor or farm implement to be used for
333 such department or agency's purposes or sold at auction with the
334 proceeds given to such department or agency. No officer or inspector
335 shall be personally liable for any official act [done] performed under
336 the provisions of this section.

337 (c) Any inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon
338 discovery of any motor vehicle or major component part, the vehicle
339 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,
340 altered or removed in the possession of any licensee of the department,
341 including a new or used care dealer who has been issued an auction
342 permit in accordance with the provisions of section 14-65, or a motor
343 vehicle dealer or repairer authorized to tow or transport and store
344 motor vehicles in accordance with the provisions of section 14-66, shall
345 take such motor vehicle or major component part into custody. If the
346 motor vehicle or major component part is owned by any such licensee
347 or an insurance company, or if such licensee or insurance company has

348 the right to transfer and dispose of such vehicle or major component
349 part, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, upon receipt of
350 transfer of title or forfeiture of all right and interest therein and
351 notwithstanding the method of disposition required under subsection
352 (b) of this section, make any disposition of such motor vehicle or major
353 component part that the commissioner deems necessary or advisable.
354 The provisions of this subsection shall apply to construction
355 equipment, agricultural tractors or farm implements, the vehicle
356 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,
357 altered or removed.

358 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any officer attached to an organized police department, any
359 state police officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles,
360 upon discovery of any motor vehicle, construction equipment,
361 agricultural tractor or farm implement which has been reported as
362 stolen, shall take such motor vehicle, construction equipment,
363 agricultural tractor or farm implement into [such officer's] custody and
364 have it returned to its rightful owner or, if such owner cannot be
365 determined or if such motor vehicle, construction equipment,
366 agricultural tractor or farm implement is needed for evidence, shall
367 have it taken to and stored in a suitable place.

368 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) No motor vehicle shall be registered unless it has
369 permanently cut, impressed or embossed on some portion thereof a
370 factory, serial or identification number or mark. Any person who
371 knowingly has in such person's possession any motor vehicle,
372 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement from
373 which the factory, serial or other identification number has been
374 removed, defaced, obliterated or changed shall [forthwith]
375 immediately file with the commissioner a sworn statement describing
376 such motor vehicle, construction equipment, agricultural tractor or
377 farm implement and showing the source of such person's title and, if
378 known, the reason for such removal, defacement, obliteration or
379 change, together with a fee in the amount of fifty dollars. If satisfied as
380 to the facts, the commissioner may grant permission to cut, impress or
381 emboss permanently into the motor of such motor vehicle,

382 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement a
383 special identification number or mark which shall thereafter be
384 deemed sufficient for the purpose of registration of such motor vehicle,
385 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement. No
386 person shall wilfully remove, deface, obliterate or change or cause to
387 be removed, obliterated, defaced or changed any factory, serial or
388 other identification number or mark on or from any motor vehicle,
389 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement.

390 [(e)] (f) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall,
391 for the first offense, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred
392 dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both, and, for the
393 second or subsequent offense, be fined not more than five thousand
394 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

395 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 14-227f of the general statutes is
396 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
397 *October 1, 2003*):

398 (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license or
399 nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (g) of
400 section 14-227a for a conviction of a [second or subsequent] violation of
401 subsection (a) of said section or under section 14-227b for a second or
402 subsequent time shall participate in a treatment program approved by
403 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner shall not
404 reinstate the operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of
405 any such person until such person submits evidence to the
406 commissioner that he has satisfactorily completed the treatment
407 program.

408 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) On and after January 1,
409 2004, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue Childhood
410 Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates of a design to
411 enhance public awareness of state efforts to treat and cure childhood
412 cancer. The design shall be determined by agreement between the
413 Commissioner of Public Health and the Commissioner of Motor

414 Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official
415 registration marker plates.

416 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by
417 regulations adopted, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
418 statutes, a fee to be charged for Childhood Cancer Awareness
419 commemorative number plates in addition to the regular fee or fees
420 prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. The fee shall be for
421 such number plates with letters and numbers selected by the
422 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor
423 Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such number plates which
424 contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of
425 the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates
426 issued under said section 14-49; and (2) such number plates which are
427 low number plates, in accordance with section 14-160 of the general
428 statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued
429 under said section 14-160. All fees established and collected pursuant
430 to this section shall be deposited in the childhood cancer account,
431 established pursuant to section 10 of this act.

432 (c) No additional renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of
433 registration for any motor vehicle bearing Childhood Cancer
434 Awareness commemorative number plates which contain letters in
435 place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of the renewal fee
436 for Childhood Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates with
437 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
438 No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration
439 to or from a registration with Childhood Cancer Awareness
440 commemorative number plates.

441 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
442 Commissioner of Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance
443 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish
444 standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement
445 of Childhood Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates.

446 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established an
447 account to be known as the "childhood cancer account" which shall be
448 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
449 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
450 account.

451 (b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Secretary
452 of the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of: (1)
453 Providing funding to the pediatric oncology units at Connecticut
454 Children's Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital;
455 (2) innovative community programs to further the goals of treating
456 and curing childhood cancer; (3) allocation of grants to agencies,
457 institutions or persons to conduct research, provide public education,
458 establish outreach programs and enhance public awareness of cancer
459 issues with regard to children; and (4) reimbursement of the
460 Department of Motor Vehicles for the cost of producing, issuing,
461 renewing and replacing Childhood Cancer Awareness number plates,
462 including administrative expenses, pursuant to section 14-21f of the
463 general statutes.

464 (c) The secretary may receive private donations to said account and
465 any such receipts shall be deposited in the account.

466 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may provide for the
467 reproduction and marketing of the Childhood Cancer Awareness
468 number plate image for use on clothing, recreational equipment,
469 posters, mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the
470 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the childhood
471 cancer awareness account. Any moneys received by the commissioner
472 from such marketing shall be deposited in said account.

473 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) On and after January 1,
474 2004, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue wildlife
475 conservation commemorative number plates of a design to enhance
476 public awareness of efforts to conserve wildlife species and their
477 habitats in Connecticut. The design shall be determined by agreement

478 between the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the
479 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates
480 except as official registration marker plates.

481 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
482 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, which shall provide
483 for a one-time fee of fifty dollars to be charged for wildlife
484 conservation commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular
485 fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen
486 dollars of said one-time fee shall be deposited in an account controlled
487 by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for administrative
488 costs of carrying out the provisions of this section. Such number plates
489 shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor
490 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher
491 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of
492 numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in
493 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said
494 section 14-49; and (2) such number plates which are low number
495 plates, in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in
496 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said
497 section 14-160. All fees established and collected pursuant to this
498 section, except moneys designated for administrative costs of the
499 Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the wildlife
500 conservation account established pursuant to section 12 of this act.

501 (c) A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal of
502 registration of a motor vehicle bearing a wildlife conservation
503 commemorative number plate, in addition to the regular fee or fees
504 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars
505 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the
506 Department of Motor Vehicles. No additional renewal fee shall be
507 charged for renewal of registration for any motor vehicle bearing a
508 wildlife conservation commemorative number plate which contain
509 letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of the
510 renewal fee for wildlife conservation commemorative number plates
511 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor

512 Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing
513 registration to or from a registration with wildlife conservation
514 commemorative number plates.

515 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
516 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in
517 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
518 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and
519 replacement of wildlife conservation commemorative number plates.

520 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall notify eligible
521 motorists of the opportunity to obtain wildlife conservation program
522 commemorative number plates by including a notice with all motor
523 vehicle registration renewals and by posting appropriate posters or
524 signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs
525 shall be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in
526 consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

527 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established an
528 account to be known as the "wildlife conservation account". The
529 wildlife conservation account shall be an account of the Conservation
530 Fund established under section 22a-27h of the general statutes.
531 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any moneys
532 required by law to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in
533 the Conservation Fund and credited to the wildlife conservation
534 account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal
535 year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next
536 succeeding. The account shall be available to the Commissioner of
537 Environmental Protection for: (1) Matching federal and private wildlife
538 conservation funds; (2) providing grants to municipalities and
539 nonprofit organizations for wildlife conservation purposes; (3) wildlife
540 research and management, with an emphasis on those wildlife species
541 in greatest need of conservation; (4) wildlife inventory and restoration;
542 (5) wildlife habitat acquisition, restoration, enhancement and
543 management, including, but not limited to, the conservation of
544 grasslands and other early successional habitats; and (6) public

545 outreach that promotes the preservation of the state's wildlife
546 diversity.

547 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may receive
548 private donations to the wildlife conservation account and any such
549 receipts shall be deposited in the account.

550 (c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide for
551 the reproduction and marketing of the wildlife conservation
552 commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, recreational
553 equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or programs
554 deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting
555 the wildlife conservation account. Any funds received by the
556 commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in the wildlife
557 conservation account.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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